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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO BERN AND PARIS TALKS.

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1. MFA SPOKESMAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 RELEASED TEXT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE CONCERNING THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF FUTURE TALKS ON THE AEGEAN. IN HIS STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNIFICANT BOTH BECAUSE IT WILL ESTABLISH AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE IN WHICH FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED AND BECAUSE IT INDICATES THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED A POLITICAL WILL TO FIND A NEGOTIATED  
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SOLUTION TO THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE.

2. TURKISH PUBLIC REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MATTER-OF-FACT AND GENERALLY POSITIVE. MOST TURKISH NEWSPAPERS NOVEMBER 21H CARRIED THE STORY UNDER HEADLINES INDICATING THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AT THE BERN TALKS. LEFTIST OPPOSITION CUMHURIYET, HOWEVZR, HIGHLIGHTED FACT THAT WHILE THE TALKS CONTINUE, NO RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE AEGEAN. EDITORIAL COMMENT PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 22 IN MILLIYET, JURRIYET, AND TERCUMAN DWELT ON THE POSITIVE NATURE OF THE BERN DEVELOPMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT PROGRESS MADE DURING THOSE TALKS WAS AN INDICATION THAT BOTH SIDES ARE INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING SERIOUSLY.

3. PRIMIN DEMIREL, SPEAKING AT A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY NOVEMBER 21, ANSWERED OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT'S EARLIER CRITICISM OF THE "SECRET" BERN NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL). DEMIREL SAID THAT ECEVIT'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WAS IN IT SHOWED NOTHING MORE THAN A DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE CONFLICT. DEMIREL ASSERTED THAT THE TALKS WITH THE GREEKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES, AND SAID THAT IF AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PARLIAMENT FOR RATIFICATION. HE ACCUSED ECEVIT OF BEING A BULLY WHOSE "NATURE AND CHARACTER" CAUSE HIM TO ACT IN THAT WAY.

4. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE AEGEAN AIR SPACE TALKS IN PARIS NOVEMBER 20 HAS BEEN LIMITED TO MILLIYET AND TERCUMAN, BOTH OF WHICH INDICATED IN THEIR NOVEMBER 21 EDITIONS THAT THE TALKS HAD ENDED WITHOUT AGREEMENT. TERCUMAN, HOWEVER, NOVEMBER 22 CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY STATING THAT DESPITE DISAGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO OPEN AEGEAN AIR SPACE TO CIVIL AVIATION. TURKISH RADIO AFTERNOON NEWS NOVEMBER 22 REPORTED MFA HAD RELEASED DURING THE MORNING THE TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE PARIS TALKS. MFA SPOKESMAN, IN RELEASING TEXT, EMPHASIZED POSITIVE ASPECT OF COMMUNIQUE, I.E., REOPENING OF THE ESKISEHIR-LARISSA TACTICAL AIR TELEPHONE LINK. HE ALSO STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE PROBLEM, IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO CONTINUE TALKS. HE DID NOT JLD RESUME. (RADIO BROADCAST DID NOT GIVE TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.) UNCLASSIFIED

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